

God's Love In Action

**GLIA: the essential element, or glue,
which connects the tissue found in the nerve centers of the body**

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The mission of Trinity United Methodist Church is:
To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

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OCTOBER 2025



Greetings, Beloved!

As I write this, I am looking ahead at the calendar and thinking of all the wonderful things coming up at Trinity UMC. Our Blessing of the Animals Service starts off the month and Trunk or Treat on Halloween brings it home. Gratefully reminded that Halloween doesn't have to be all about candy, I am going to buy some boxes of raisins and some tangerines to help fill our holiday bags. Boo!

This month will be important for the life of our church, as well. On October 8th, I will be meeting with our District Superintendent, Rev. Fran Elrod, to talk about our life here together at Trinity: our worship, our community, our plans and visions. Our DS meets with every pastor in our district before charge conference season begins, and our district charge conferences are already underway. Jackie will be working too hard to prepare for our church charge conference, scheduled for October 26th at 4:00 p.m.

Please pray for our church and one another, and pray for Rev. Elrod, and our Bishop. They do not have easy jobs, especially during this season of change.

Thank you for being a wonderful church. I am praising God for you continually.

Love,
Darlene

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.

~Hebrews 12:1-2a

**Sunday, October 5
11 a.m.**

We once again invite you and your beloved pets to our Blessing of the Animals Worship Service on Sunday, October 5th at 11:00 a.m. Inspired by the birthday of St. Francis and adapted from our own United Methodist Book of Worship, this unique service is a wonderful way to celebrate the joy and companionship of our pets, and to thank God for all the wonderful gifts of Creation.

Whether your pet has fur, feathers or fins, all creatures are welcome! We'll gather outside (weather permitting) on the Gunter Circle side of the building for a time of prayer, reflection and blessing. A pet is not required for attendance; this is our Sunday worship service. Bring the whole family—some may require leashes or carriers. If your pet is unable to attend, please feel free to bring a photo, and we'll bless them in spirit. Blessing certificates with your pet's name will be available. Palmetto Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation (a non-profit rescue for orphaned and injured wildlife) will once again be joining us. A Love Offering will be taken up for them.

If you have a pop-up or canopy tarp that we might borrow for our outside service that day, please contact the church office at 803-794-7777 or email us at trinityumcwc@sc.rr.com. We'll also need three or four volunteers to set up chairs outside on the morning of the event.

Let's use this opportunity to invite friends, family and neighborhood animal lovers to this special worship event at our church! Say a prayer, spread the word and give God the glory!

If you have any questions, just ask Rev. Kelley at 845-416-7308. Thank you!



Congratulations to **Taylor and Emmaline Lewis** on the birth of their daughter, **Marigold Grace Lewis**, on Saturday, September 13th, 2025. Marigold Grace weighed 7 lbs. 8 oz. She is the granddaughter of **Mark and Mary Sue Lewis**.



We will continue our ministry to **The Pines** on **Sunday, October 5, at 2 p.m.** with a short Worship and Communion Service.



Grieving with God
Tuesday, October 14
11 a.m.

All who are on the journey of grief are invited to join us on **Tuesday, October 14, at 11 a.m.** in the Conference Room. Retired Hospice and Palliative Care Chaplain from Richland Hospital, Jerry Fonte, will facilitate the discussion.



Killingsworth
A home for women recovering
from various life distresses

It is a safe place which supports personal development: recovery habits, mental and physical health habits, employment and identity. The dedicated staff and volunteers foster an environment of encouragement and hope, helping women rediscover their strengths and potential.

Recovery at Killingsworth means each resident has requirements related to 12-step meeting attendance, working with a sponsor, and working the 12 steps of recovery. These requirements, practiced faithfully, will become habits. Through consistent participation and support, residents gain valuable tools for lifelong recovery and personal growth.

There is a fund-raising Gala scheduled for November 13, 2025, from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. at Seawells Restaurant in Columbia. Highlights are: Gourmet Meal – Silent Auction– Live Music – Special Guest Speaker. The cost per person is \$65.00. There is a sign-up sheet on the round table in the Gathering Area or you may contact Marie Stiles by texting or calling her at 803.463.9706 or by sending her an email at mariebstyles@gmail.com to indicate your interest in attending.



Saturday, October 25
9:30 a.m.

The Ladies Group will have their Saturday morning breakfasts on the fourth Saturday of October, and November. We will again meet at the Lizard's Thicket on Highway #1 in Lexington, at 9:30 a.m. on October 25 and November 29. Jackie will send reminders through her weekly update emails and Marie Stiles will ask for your RSVP if you have signed up for the group texts.



Sunday, October 26

Taste of Trinity, our church-wide covered dish luncheon, will be held on **Sunday, October 26**. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to share great food and fellowship!



Pearl Geddens
Joyce Robinson
Marilyn Lloyd

Patsy Shuler
Jeanette Hornsby
Edwa Meek
Pam Turner
John Zeigler
Hilda Edwards
Sinners SS Class
Jim & Marie Stiles
Tom Geddens
Ray & Gale Frady
Jo Ann Heiting
Bonnie Ramsey
Mary Kamoroff
Marilyn Lloyd

Tom Lloyd
Jocye Robinson
Lynn Martin

Betty Cantrell
Marilyn Lloyd

Malcolm Skipper
Marilyn Lloyd

Franklin Branton
Joyce Robinson

Stanley Carter
Mike & Brenda Cox

Ransom Laughead
Marilyn Lloyd



Friday, October 31
5 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Join us on Halloween from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on our Gunter Circle parking lot to celebrate our children, our church and our community with Trunk or Treat. We’ve got candy bags with stickers that say “Trinity UMC” on the side, ready to fix and fill. We’ll need some willing bag stuffers at Taste of Trinity on Sunday, October 26th.

We’ll decorate the side of our church bus and have a table out front to attract some attention. You can decorate your car, bring your lawn chair and your treats and join in the fun! You may want to bring a flashlight or lantern too.

Invite your friends and neighbors, and all your favorite ghouls and join us on Halloween! It will be booooooiful



WE EXPRESS OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY to **Kim Shuler Ferguson and family** on the death of her mother, **Patsy Shuler**, on Tuesday, September 16, 2025.



Trinity Church Family,

Thank you so much for your prayers and thoughtfulness during my sister, Rachel’s, illness and passing. Your cards, visits and memorials have been greatly appreciated and helped so much during this time.

I also thank you for your concern and prayers during my health issues.

Thanks for being a warm and caring church family.

Love,
Joyce Robinson



Dear Trinity,

I would like to thank everyone at Trinity for the contribution made to the Harry Hampton Wildlife Fund in memory of my brother, James “Jimmy: Coates, who passed away on September 6, 2025. Thank you for the cards and prayers. They meant so much during our time of sorrow.

Sincerely,
Doug Coates and Family



Each month we highlight the birthdays of those who are turning 85 or older. The Special Birthday for October:

October 13
Morris Taylor
1200 Tarrytown Lane
West Columbia, SC 29170



Dear Trinity Family,

Thank you to our church family who came to the Memorial for Tom.

Thank you to Pastor Darlene and the Choir for bringing comfort and companionship.

Thank you to the Bereavement Committee and those who stayed the kitchen in order to provide a time of togetherness after the service with a welcoming atmosphere, sharing good food and fellowship with the family, guests, and church members who could stay with us.

Thank you for streaming the Memorial Service on YouTube. Members of our family were able to participate in the Netherlands, Alaska, Texas, and California as well as South Carolina.

Trinity has been the source of love and support in so many ways. My family and I are truly thankful for all of you who have shown us love and care - before and after Tom died in July. After a time of pain and discomfort, he was finally “home!”

Marilyn Lloyd and the family of Thomas William Lloyd

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Flowers:	<u>10/05</u> Kim Ferguson	<u>10/12</u> Needed	<u>10/19</u> Needed	<u>10/26</u> Needed
Time Together:	Jack Stevens; Pam Turner	Ruth Frady	Joyce Robinson; Slone Taylor	Not Needed
Liturgist:	Tom Geddens	Needed	Needed	Needed



Marilyn Lloyd Ruth Frady Rhett Hook Kaye Floyd Libby Strickland Christopher McCroskey
John Ballentine Diane Muszynski Ray Frady Latson Lewis English Percy Jeanette
Hornsby
Hannah Glanz

Shut-Ins: Gillett Hipp; Linda Maloch; Jean Raynor

Family and Friends: **Cayla Watters** (*friend of Karen Carter*); **Tommy Stokes** (*nephew of Joyce Robinson*); **Kati Flowers** (*mother of friend of Blake Kamoroff*); **Wayne Young** (*brother of Faye Grah*l); **Berry Cochran** (*son-in-law of Charlyn McNeill*); **Jim Lewis** (*father of Mark Lewis*); **Christina Lindemuth** (*daughter of Karen Carter*); **James Leonard** (*previous coworker of Mark Lewis*); **Kathleen Varnadore** (*Ted & Ruth Frady’s neighbor*); **Paul Frenzel** (*friend of Chris Derrick*); **Sissy Henry** (*former member of Trinity*), **Keith James, Jay Clark** (*friends of Darlene Kelley*); **Sean & Tucker Smith** (*cousins of Darlene Kelley*); **Sonny Hardee** (*brother of Lynn Martin*); **Colby Martin** (*son of Donna Muszynski*); **Lynne Powell** (*friend of the Ballentines and Branhams*); **Bryan Collard** (*brother-in-law of Mary Sue Lewis*); ; **Michael McNeill** (*brother of Mary Sue Lewis*); **Missy Abrams** (*stepdaughter of Lissa Abrams*); **Mary Davis** (*daughter of Bob & Libby Strickland*); **Chuck Hardee** (*cousin of Lynn Martin*); **Bruce Beatty, Sandra Hornsby, Gloria Erd** (*friends of Lynn Martin*); **Nancy Wilson** (*friend of Jeanette Hornsby*); **David Turner** (*brother of Pam Turner*); **Chip Mixon** (*friend of Tommy Gleaton*); **James Boggs** (*father of Claire Boggs*); **Robert Bradley** (*Business Associate of Simon Ross*); **Monnie Tiller** (*friend of Chris Derrick*); **Adrin & Linda Hargett** (*stepfather and stepmom of Christopher McCroskey*); **Haidee Baehr** (*friends of Ruth Frady*); **Denise Paul, Scott & Karen Nelson** (*cousins of Gale Frady*); **Dan Conner, Max Johnson** (*friends of Gale Frady*); **Janet Beck** (*friend of Jo Ann Heiting*); **Adam Lavender** (*son of Phil Lavender*)

If you have a friend or family member on the Prayer List, we ask you to please keep us updated. If no word is received, we will trust that our prayers have been answered and remove the name. To update us, please call the office or e-mail us at trinityumcwc@sc.rr.com.

GOD’S HELPING HANDS

Special Needs for October
Canned Meats
Cereal
Spahetti Sauce
Pasta
Canned Peas

STEWARDSHIP REPORT
September 2025



Needed in Septebmer
\$ 18,209.60

Given in September
\$ 11,941.00

YTD Needed YTD Given
\$ 177,543.60 \$ 174,629.17

ATTENDANCE FOR SEPTEMBER

<u>In-Person</u>	<u>SS</u>	<u>Worship</u>
09/07	8	28
09/14	12	36
09/21	12	45
09/28	16	46

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
			1 Choir, 6 p.m. T.a.G., 7 p.m.	2 Exercise Class, 10:30 a.m.	3 Office Closed	4 Memorial Service for Patsy Shuler, 2 p.m. Visitation following service.
5 Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Choir, 10:35 a.m. Blessing of the Animals Worship Service, 11 a.m. Holy Communion The Pines, 2 p.m.	6 Exercise Class, 10:30 a.m.	7	8 Choir, 6 p.m. T.a.G., 7 p.m.	9 Jeanette Hornsby Exercise Class, 10:30 a.m.	10 Office Closed	11 Kaye Floyd
12 Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Choir, 10:35 a.m. Worship, 11 a.m. Birthday Celebration	13 Morris Taylor Exercise Class, 10:30 a.m.	14 Charles Sox Grieving With God, 11 a.m.	15 Choir, 6 p.m. T.a.G., 7 p.m.	16 Exercise Class, 10:30 a.m. Lexington District 2 Fine Arts Hall of Fame Reception, 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.	17 Donna Becude Jasmin Herrera Hayden Liafsha Sebastian Liafsha Office Closed	18
19 Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Choir, 10:35 a.m. Worship, 11 a.m.	20 Exercise Class, 10:30 a.m.	21 Sarah Grace McCartha	22 Cristen Hipp Salli McCartha Choir, 6 p.m. T.a.G., 7 p.m.	23 Edwa Meek Christopher McCroskey Exercise Class, 10:30 a.m. GLIA Articles Due	24 Wyatt Jones Office Closed	25 Trinity Ladies Breakfast, 9:30 a.m. @ Lizard's Thicket Hwy 1
26 Addison Stiles Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Choir, 10:35 a.m. Worship, 11 a.m. Taste of Trinity Charge Conference 4 p.m.	27 Peggy Nadler Jessica Warble Exercise Class, 10:30 a.m.	28 Jon Martin	29 Matthew Martin Choir, 6 p.m. T.a.G., 7 p.m.	30 Exercise, Class, 10:30 a.m.	31 Office Closed Trunk or Treat, 5 – 7 p.m.	